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April 30, 1997

Mr. Robert K. Lewis Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Facility Section Supervisor, Northeast Regional Office 2 Public Square Wilkes Barre, PA 18711-0790

Dear Mr. Lewis.

It has been brought to B. Braun's attention by the local DEP office, that B. Braun is required to apply for a Permit By Rule because of the neutralization process of Ethylene Glycol (25 PA CODE 265.433--Neutralization Treatment Units). A description of the neuralization process is herein, per your request. The neutralization waste is hazardous (40 CFR 261.10) because of the corrositivity of the mixture (20%-ethylene glycol, 80% water). Before neutralization, the mixture has a pH of .5-1.0. The ethylene glycol/water mixture is then treated with sodium hydroxide to establish and maintain a pH of 7. After neutralization, the ethylene glycol/water mixture is non-hazardous and taken off-site by American Chemical Exchange (ACE).

B. Braun steps undertaken in the compliance with 25 PA CODE 265.433--Neutralization Treatment Units: B. Braun Medical has a NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit with the Borough of Catasauqua (265.433 (2) and has an EPA ID number with the EPA (264.11). The neutralization unit is located within the building which requires card access to the building and card access to the area of the neutralization unit (264.14). A preventative maintenance program is maintained for the entire sterilization area and retained at the facility (264.15). All operating records are kept at the facility (264.73). B. Braun will file a biennial report by March 1, 1998, if as a large quantity generator B. Braun generates more than 2, 200 lbs. of hazardous waste in any one month of the reporting year (264.75). Additional reports are filed, if necessary (264.77). The criteria for Chapter 264, Subchapters C & D; and Chapter 265, Subchapter Q, have been complied with as stated in the regulation.

Attached please find a schematic of the neutralization process and a detailed description of the neutralization process and its purpose. I am looking forward to your response regarding acknowledgement of B. Braun's neutralization treatment process. If you have any question regarding this matter, please feel free to contact myself at (610) 691-5400 or Steve Stancick, Sterilization Manager, at (610) 266-0500.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Millington

**Environmental Affairs Coordinator** 

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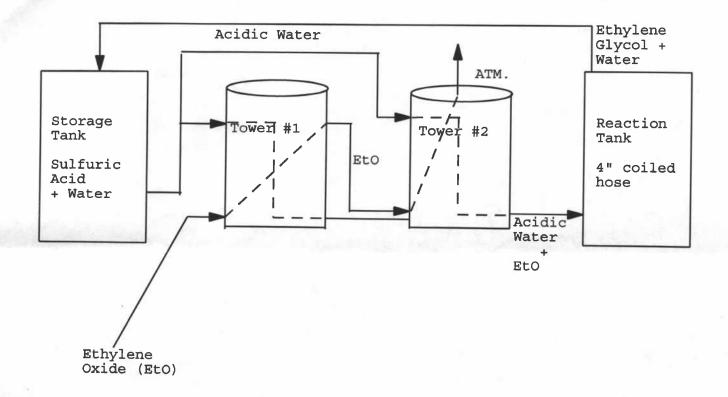
B. Braun Medical Inc. 824 Twelfth Avenue PO Box 4027 Bethlehem, PA 18018-0027

Telephone: 610-691-5400 610-601-00

WASTE **MANAGEMENT** FACILITY: FILE CODE:

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### DEOXX SCRUBBER SYSTEM



Ethylene Oxide Gas Stream enters bottom of Tower #1.
Acidic water enters top of Towers 1/2.
Entrapment occurs when Ethylene Oxide mixes with acidic water.
Added efficiency occurs thru Tower #2.
Final EtO/Acidic Water mixture goes to Reaction Tank.
Mixing of EtO/Acidic Water converts mixture to ethylene glycol + water.
Ethylene Glycol Mixture is recirculated back to the Storage tank.
Storage Tank Liquid is reused until tank is full or concentration reaches

#### **AGREEMENT**

This Agreement between American Chemical Exchange Company, Inc. and Burron Medical (Generator) sets forth the terms and conditions under which American Chemical Exchange agrees to pay the Generator for removal of the ethylene glycol mixture (Mixture) produced as a by-product of Generator's ethylene oxide sterilization emissions control systems.

1. Notifications: All notifications and correspondence in regards to the terms and conditions of this Agreement will be made to:

> American Chemical Exchange Co., Inc. 9847 Hibiscus Court Alta Loma, California 91701 Attn: Robert Somerman 909-484-2542

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FAY: 909-987-9798

Generator:

**Burron Medical** 904 Postal Road Allentown, PA 18103 Attn: Steve Stancick 610-226-0500

All notifications and changes to this Agreement will be made in writing.

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2. Charge or Payment Terms: 66 1/6/57

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400-4500 gallons
Allentown, PA 2,500 gallons

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Pricing: If the market price of Ethylene Glycol increases, the payment to the Generator will be increased. If the market price decreases, a similar adjustment will be made. Pricing will be calculated from spot market prices and will be adjusted as a percentage of that price. Notification of price changes will be made in writing.

Demurrage Charges: Generator will be responsible for all Demurrage charges resulting from any Generator related occurrence that delays or prevents the loading of the mixture 2 hours after the tanker truck has arrived. The Demurrage charges will be \$80.00 per hour.

Cancellation Charges: The Generator will be responsible for any cancellation charges resulting from any Generator occurrence that would prevent a tanker truck from arriving on the day scheduled. Cancellation charges will total \$ 225.00 per occurrence.

Additional Charges: Because Mixture is a by-product of a manufacturing process, American Chemical Exchange ocknowledges that the specifications of the Mixture, including the pH and the concentration of ethylene glycol of the Mixture will vary from lot to lot. However, sufficient testing has been conducted to determine that the total ethylene glycol (mono, di & tri-) concentration will average between 10% and 60% of 16 97 and that the normal operating conditions will fesult in a Mixture with this concentration.

For Concentrations less than 20% glycol, freight plus a flat fee of \$500.00 will be charged. The pH of the Mixture prior to neutralization will normally be less than 1.5. Most state and federal transportation regulations require that the pH be greater than 2.0 but not greater than 11.5. Therefore, to include a safety factor, Generator will neutralize the Mixture to a pH of approximately 7.0. Generator will use sodium hydroxide (NaOH) to neutralize the Mixture.

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Generator will not ship any Mixture that for any reason has become contaminated with any substance not normally produced by the emission control or neutralization process. Upon arrival to the shipping point if the material is determined to be contaminated with a foreign substance not associated with emission control or neutralization processes, the material will be sent back to the Generator freight collect, for both directions. In order to avoid guesswork and additional costs, it is strongly recommended that samples be prepared and sent to Gabriel Labs. 114221 N. Elston Ave., Chicago, IL 60622. Attention: Donna Panek. Please label sample material with appropriate information, name of Generator, address and date. Please also note that results should be sent to American Chemical Exchange.

- 3. Compliance: Both parties will comply with all applicable laws, statutes, rules and regulations concerning use, handling and transportation. According to CFR guidelines parts 261.2 (e) & (f).
- 4. Material Safety Data Sheet: Upon request, American Chemical Exchange will provide Generator with a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each lot of Mixture.
- 5. **Disclaimer of Warranties:** Generator makes no warranty, either expressed or implied, including any warranty of fitness for a particular or intended purpose of merchantability.
- 6. Hold Harmless: American Chemical Exchange will indemnify and hold Generator harmless from and against any and all claims, actions, charges, suites, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, resulting from the purchase, use or transportation of the Mixture or of any product made from the Mixture composition as defined in Additional Charges in Section 2.
- 7. Insurance: All transporters and processors contracted by American Chemical Exchange to haul and use the Mixture maintain vehicle and liability insurance coverage in an amount no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and Workmen's Compensation as required by statute.

- 8. Facilities, Personnel & Equipment: On days of shipments, Generator's facilities and personnel will assist driver in pumping the Mixture into the tank truck. The tank trucks we dispatch will provide 20-40 feet of hose and a pump American Chemical Exchange will provide adequate hose for hook up from Generator equipment to transfer.
- 9. Terms & Termination: This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated by either party upon 60 days prior written notice.

AMERICAN CHEMICAL EXCHANGE CO., INC.

Robert Somerman

Date:

**BURRON MEDICA** 

#### Addendum to Agreement

- 1. Use: The material from DeOxx will be used in the manufacture of:
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  - c. Fire Extinguishing Fluids

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